

**NATURAL AREAS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**36 Years of Service to Improving Delaware's Quality Of Life**  
**"Preserving Delaware's Natural Areas Today for all Delawareans Tomorrow"**

**NATURAL AREAS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

June 14, 2018  
Rose Cottage  
102 South State Street  
Dover, DE 19901  
9:30 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Council Members:**

Debbie Heaton, Chair

John Williams

Ted Palmer

Dr. Kitt Heckscher

Jim White

**Staff:**

Eileen Butler, Parks & Recreation, DNREC

Bob Ehemann, Parks & Recreation, DNREC

Bill Miller, Parks & Recreation, DNREC

Mike Krumrine, Parks & Recreation, DNREC

Ray Bivens, Parks & Recreation, DNREC

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**I. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions/Announcements**

Ms. Heaton called the Natural Areas Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. welcoming Council members and staff and asked for announcements.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Heaton asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2018 minutes. Motion was made to approve as submitted by Mr. White, Mr. Palmer seconded. Motion carried.

**III. Old Business**

- *Nature Preserve Program Video* – Council discussed the possibilities for who, what, where regarding the production of videos for the Program and Council. Staff will reach out to Mr. Mike Polo and Ms. Abby Shepherd to help assist in the development and production of the video(s). Ecology, recreation, and tax incentives make up the three areas of focus for the videos. In another video Ms. Heaton will provide an overview of the program and the Council. Parks staff will provide that script. A subgroup was created to further develop this plan. Mr. Ehemann will send a doodle poll to pick a date for the first meeting of those wanting to participate in this subgroup.
- *NAAC Logo* – A variety of potential logos were reviewed. Council discussed many ideas. Parks staff will work to provide additional drafts at the September meeting.
- *White Clay Creek Master Plan update* – Mr. Miller shared the details of the Open

Houses planned to start the process for the creations of the White Clay Creek State Park Master Plan. Meetings will be held from late June through mid-August at Deerfield. Mr. Miller has also posted a web survey to collect info about use of White Clay Creek State Park.

**IV. Natural Areas Registry**

- No issues at this time.

**V. Nature Preserve Dedications**

- *Fork Branch Nature Preserve* – Executive Session.

**VI. Nature Preserve Management Issues**

- No issues at this time.

**VII. New Business**

- *Nature Preserve Program Website* – Staff previewed the draft website text with Council. It was suggested that the video subgroup work on moving this work forward and bring it back to Council for further review.
- *Waysides* – The basic layout for waysides was created for Fork Branch State Park. Lums Pond staff seemed interested in having wayside signs. Once staff is hired they will work with Lums to confirm interest and work with designers to update signs for Lums posting.
- *Nature Preserve Photo Contest* – Possible future idea once the website is up and running

**VIII. Public Comment and Synopsis Reports From Other Councils, Stakeholders, and Partners**

- Mr. Ehemann shared the results of a wetlands phone survey done by OpinionWorks.
- Mr. Williams informed Council that the Bathymetry project undertaken by the Christina Conservancy and in partnership with DNREC, is working on sharing those results for remediation purposes. Mr. Williams will provide an update at the September meeting.

**IX. 2018 Council Meeting Dates/Time**

- September 13 with a field trip to Frenchtown Woods
- December 13 at 9:30 in the Rose Cottage, Dover

**X. Adjournment**

Ms. Heaton asked for a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.